Summary of Data Files

This document describes how to generate the results in "Household Time Use Among Older Couples: Evidence and Implications for Labor Supply Parameters".

This paper utilizes data from three sources: CAMS, ATUS and MTUS. All of the data is freely accessible to researchers, but requires registration.

CAMS is a module of the HRS. The data can be downloaded at: https://hrs.isr.umich.edu.

This paper uses the following HRS[1] datasets:
CAMS 2005[2]
CAMS 2007[3]
CAMS 2009[4]
CAMS 2011[5]
CAMS 2013[6]
Cross-Wave Tracker File 2014[7]

The ATUS data can be downloaded at: https://www.atusdata.org/atus/.

This paper uses ATUS[8] data from years 2003-2015. We utilize the BLS coded time use variables.

The MTUS data can be downloaded at: https://www.timeuse.org/mtus.

This paper uses the MTUS[9] simple file (contains all countries and years). We make use of data for the following countries and years:
France 1998-99
Germany 2001-02
Italy 2002-03
Netherlands 1995, 2000 and 2005

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[1] The HRS (Health and Retirement Study) is sponsored by the National Institute on Aging (grant number NIA U01AG009740) and is conducted by the University of Michigan.

[2] Health and Retirement Study, CAMS 2005 Final V1.0 public use dataset. Produced and distributed by the University of Michigan with funding from the National Institute on Aging (grant number NIA U01AG009740). Ann Arbor, MI, (2006).

[3] Health and Retirement Study, CAMS 2007 Final V1.0 public use dataset (2008).

[4] Health and Retirement Study, CAMS 2009 Final V.1.0 public use dataset (2010).

[5] Health and Retirement Study, CAMS 2011 Final V.2.0 public use dataset (2014).

[6] Health and Retirement Study, CAMS 2013 Final V.2.0 public use dataset (2015).

[7] Health and Retirement Study, Cross-Wave Tracker File 2014 Final V1.0 public use dataset (2017).

[8] Data extract created using ATUS-X extractor. (Sandra L. Hofferth, Sarah M. Flood, and Matthew Sobek. American Time Use Survey Data Extract Builder: Version 2.7 [Machine-readable database]. College Park, MD: University of Maryland and Minneapolis, MN: IPUMS, 2018. https://doi.org/10.18128/D060.V2. https://www.atusdata.org).

[9] Jonathan Gershuny and Kimberly Fisher. (2013) Multinational Time Use Study. Centre for Time Use Research, University of Oxford.

Norway 1990-91 and 2000-01
Spain 2002-03 and 2008-10
UK 2000-01 and 2005

The folders containing the Stata do-files for preparing each final dataset are listed below. Update the paths to the CAMS, ATUS and MTUS data files to match their locations on your computer.

CAMS:
The do-files for CAMS are in three sub-folders.

Panel:
This folder contains the do-files for creating the sample of individuals and households that are matched across consecutive waves, i.e., utilizing the panel component of the data. In the file names, 'indiv' refers to individual level analysis and 'hh' to household level analysis. Each file name also specifies the data waves in question. This folder also contains a sub-folder called FE which contains the programs for creating the sample for the fixed effects regressions.

Over age:
This folder contains the do-files for the analysis over age, namely ignoring the panel component. The file names indicate the data wave in question.

Direct estimation:
This folder contains the do-files for creating the sample for the direct estimations. In the file names, '2waves' refers to households matched over two consecutive waves, whereas '3waves' refers to households matched over three consecutive waves.

ATUS:
ATUS.do

MTUS:
MTUS-simple.do